

Remarks

Claims 1-4 and 7-14 currently appear in this application. The Office Action of October 14, 2005, has been carefully studied, and the Examiner's helpful suggestions have been applied. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 USC, and therefore, should be allowed. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is noted that claims 6, 7, 10, and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled, and claim 6 has been rewritten as new claim 14, incorporating the Examiner's helpful suggestions. Claims 7-10 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 14.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted  
that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and  
favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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